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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Gale Family Papers, 1828-1854</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Octavo volumes "G" Mss. boxes "G"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>6 octavo volumes; 2 mss boxes</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>62-3096</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>A calendar and an index by Loriman S. Brigham are included in this collection.</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gift of Loriman S. Brigham, 1956</p>	
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>Frederick William Gale (1816-1854) and Hannah("Anna") Davis Gale (1818-1851) were born in Northborough, Massachusetts, the children of Capt. Cyrus Gale (1795- ) and Eliza Davis Gale ( -1821). Eliza Gale was a sister of Gov. John Davis. Frederick, a member of the Harvard class of 1836, studied at Harvard Law School and practiced law in Worcester with his uncle, Isaac Davis, and in St. Louis, Mo. After the deaths of his first wife and only child, he traveled in Europe for three years (April 1847-August 1850). He visited his relative, George Bancroft, in London, frequented the colony of American artists in Italy, and observed with interest the revolutionary upheavals of mid-century Europe. His sister, whose life was much more sedentary, spent the winter of 1837-1838 at the Greene Street School in Providence, R.I., where she was a student of Margaret Fuller (1810-1850).</p> <p>The collection consists of approximately 450 letters, most of them written by or to Frederick and Anna. The letters are valuable for their descriptions of Worcester social life, school days, and family affairs. One letter, dated 12 August 1834, concerns a nativist-inspired attack upon a convent in Charlestown, Mass. Three of the journals, kept by Frederick while he traveled, cover May to October 1847, January 1849 to February 1850, and February to July 1850. All reflect his sightseeing activities, political interests, and conversations with acquaintances. The fourth journal was kept by Anna while a student at the Greene Street School and includes detailed impressions of her teacher, Margaret Fuller.</p> <p>See Contents List</p>	

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Contents List

Box 1

- Misc.: Misc. Papers, not calendared or indexed.
- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1828-1831.
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 1832.
- Folder 3: Correspondence, 1833.
- Folder 4: Correspondence, 1834.

Box 2

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1835.
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 1836.
- Folder 3: Correspondence, 1837.
- Folder 4: Correspondence, 1838.
- Folder 5: Correspondence, 1839-1844.
- Folder 6: Correspondence, 1845-1854.

Octavo Volumes

- Vol 1: Journal A, Anna D. Gale, Dec. 1837- March 1838.
- Vol 2: Journal B, Fredrick W. Gale, May-October 1847.
- Vol 3: Journal C, Fredrick W. Gale, January 1849-February 1850.
- Vol 4: Journal D, Fredrick W. Gale, February-July 1850.
- Vol 5: Introduction and Index of Names and Places.
- Vol 6: Calendars of Gale Letters and Journals.